India dating tbe initial period of three years. la the event of death of the land-leas agricultural labourer his/her nominee will be eligible for the assured sum of Rs. 1,000|- which will Ae paid by LIG In addition, the Department of Rural'Development has announced a Group Life Insurance scheme for the beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Programme w.e.f. 1st April, 19&8 and it is proposed to cover around 3 to 4 million IRDP fenenciaries every year. The scheme will provide Life Insurance cover for a period 6f *'3* years •im'tiaily and the sum assured whi be' its. 3.0W- with double the benefit in the case of accidental death. These laws, programmes, Schemes etc., are-not . confined to Orissa only.

(c)' It is not possible to precisely estimate Ihe financial assistance involved in the above programmes, schemes^ ete.

Distribution of unirrigated land Amongst the, poor fanners

1130. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 per cent of farm land is unirrigated in the country; and

(b) if so, Whether Government propose to distribute this an irrigated land amongst the poor farmers under die anti-poverty programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (al About 70 per cent of the cultivated area in the country is unirrigated.

(b) Government of India is concerned with tie monitering of the distribution of ceiling surplus land among the rural poof. As a result of the imposition of ceiling on .agricultural land holdings, a total of" 73.88 lakhs acres of land have been declared surplus out of which 44.32 lakhs acres have been distributed to 41.01 lakh beneficiaries so far as reported by ihe - State Govenunent.

Autonomy to ICAR

1131. SHRT V. NARAYANASAMY: .Will tht Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research* Institute demanded" full autonomy like other scientific bodies like the Atomic Energy Commission and CSIR to augment functional achievements and for speedier transfer of technologies j and

, (b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) Before the High Level Review Committee-fieaded by Dr: G. ;V.K Rao former Member of the Planning Commission the Indian Council of Agricultural Research made varions" .suggestions for grant of autonomy.

(b) The Report of the Review Committee ,is - being examined.

BungliDg in cattle camps in Rajasthan

1132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE fee pieased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints, about the large-scale bungling and mis-management in Cattle camps in the handling of fodder by the voluntary organisations recently in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what Steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-' TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL, YADAV): .(a) . - The State Government have received fourteen